

Estimation of Storage

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Background

Investigation of storage needs grew out of effort to educate environmental community on options, trade-offs, and costs

- Diversity of opinions on value of subcomponents of Everglades ecosystem
- Range of understanding on CERP project elements trade-offs, objectives

Effort was conducted as a series of workshops with individual groups.

Analysis

approached as a classical reservoir size problem using a sequent peak analysis

$$K_t = R_t - Q_t + K_{t-1} \quad \text{if positive} \\ 0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

where K_t is storage, R_t is demand, Q_t is supply at time t

Used SFWMM to estimate demand and supply inputs

examined range of flow and depth in Everglades Protection Area

modified AOB routines to accommodate "crown" and

Critical Questions

What is target for Everglades?

What are reasonable estimates for configuration for C&SF infrastructure?

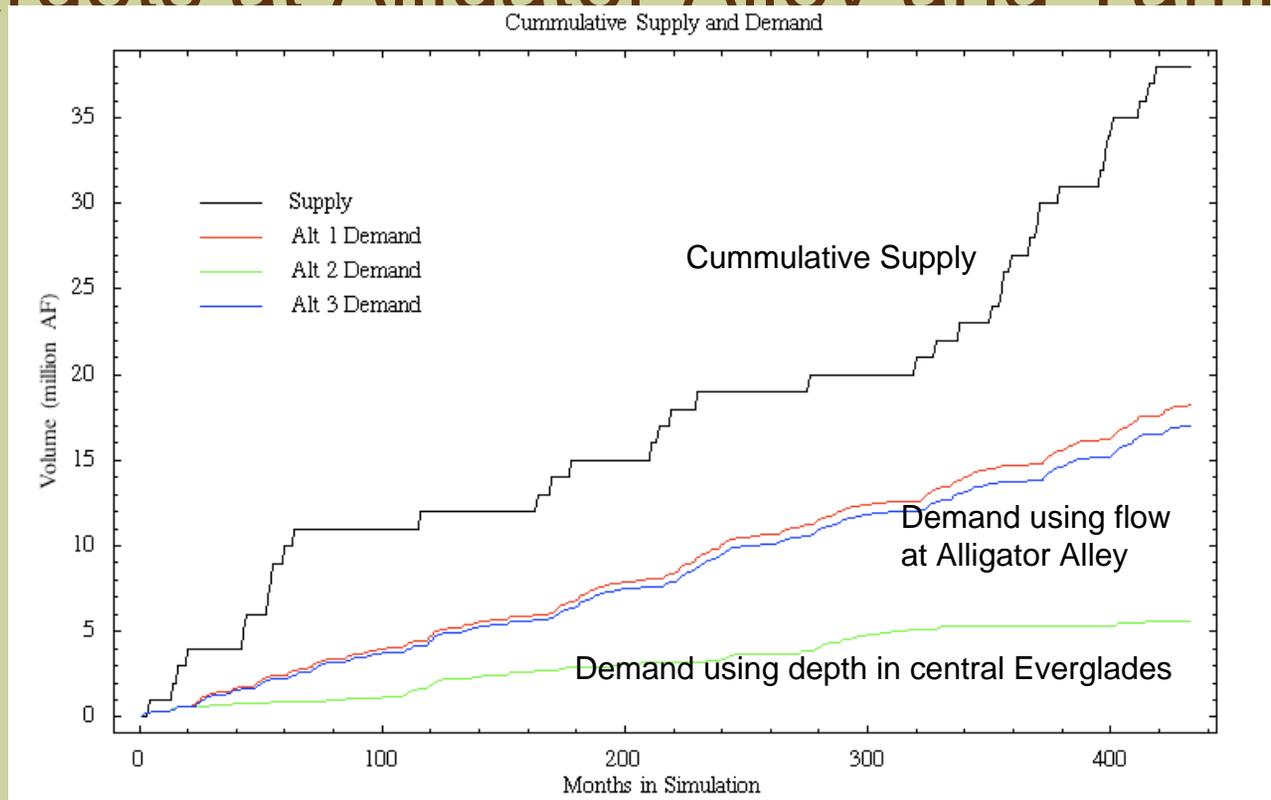
What is planning “level of service”?

Target

Looked at

– depth targets in northern, central, and southern Everglades

– flow targets at Alligator Alley and Tamiami Trail



Conclusion: Targets matter. A lot

Infrastructure

In SFWMM, need detailed description of infrastructure

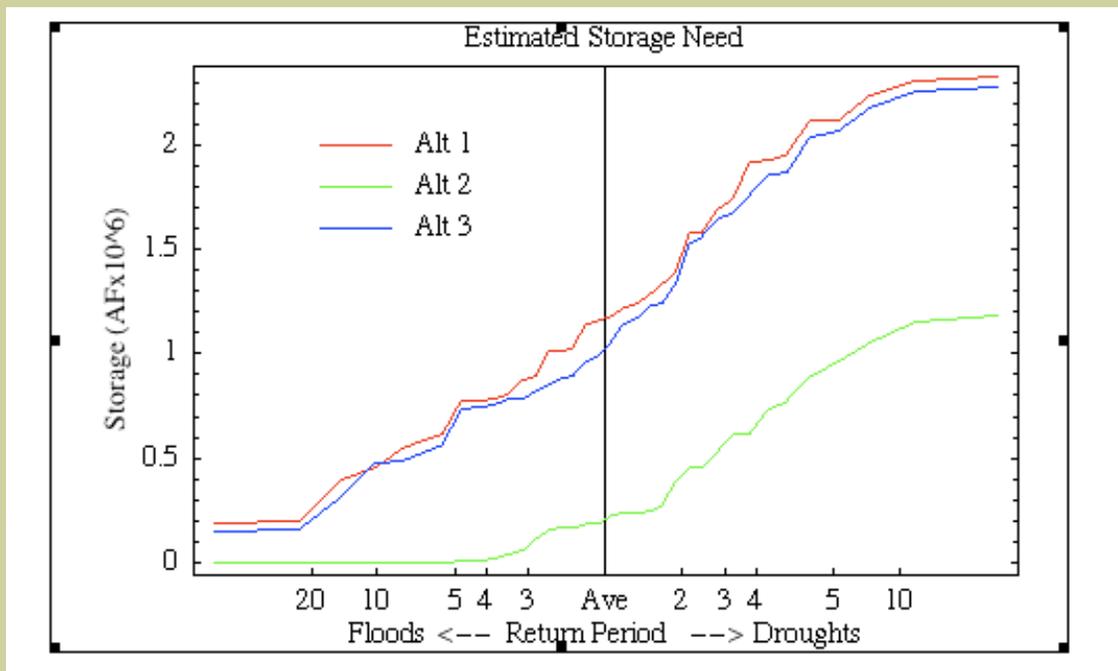
- strong interactions with built environment modify environmental demands on both wet and dry side.
- specification of numerous extraneous details sidetracked focus on “global” solution

Conclusions

- Focus first on “global” solution to get all components to fit during wet and dry periods.
- Use vision of future to make broad assumptions on infrastructure

Level of Service

Need to define “level of service” to size any reservoir



Conclusions:

– Reservoir size strongly depends on level of service

Conclusions

Targets matter.

- Large variability in outcome even with reasonable assumptions. **“The Answer”** not self-evident.
- We will likely end up with hybrid of depth and flow.

Think large-scale first.

- Get major pieces (estuaries, Lake, Everglades) to fit before moving to subcomponents.
- Make assumptions on infrastructure based on long-range vision.

Level of Service matters.

- Interface of planning, hydrology, biology.